

Lincoln WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD Application for Change/Transfer Record of Decision

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DEPARTN	ENT OF ECOLOGY REGIONAL OFFICE

Applicant: Teel Land, LLC

Application Number: LINC-12-01

Board held on August 12, 2013. The undersigned board commensure that all relevant issues identified during its evaluation the board's evaluation process, are thoroughly evaluated and documented in the report of examination." [WAC 173-153-13 reviewed the report of examination, knows and understands the Approval: The (board name) Water Conservancy Board	of the application, or which are raised by any codiscussed in the board's deliberations. These dis 30(5)] The undersigned therefore, certifies that each e content of the report. hereby grants conditional approval for the water	mmenting pa cussions mus ch commissio	rty during t be <u>fully</u> ner, having r described
and conditioned within the report of examination on All be examination to the Department of Ecology for final review.	or 12 2013 and submits this record	of decision a	nd report of
Denial: The (board name) Water Conservancy Board her within the report of examination onfor final review.			
Paul C. Gross, Chair Lincoln County Water Conservancy Board	Date: 8-12-2013	Approve Deny Abstain Recuse Other	X
Rex Harder, Board Representative Lincoln County Water Conservancy Board	Date: 446 12 2013	Approve Deny Abstain Recuse Other	
Pete Carstensen, Board Representative Lincoln Water Conservancy Board	Date:	Approve Deny Abstain Recuse Other	
Scott Hutsel, Board Representative Lincoln Water Conservancy Board	Date: 8-12-2013	Approve Deny Abstain Recuse Other	
Name, Board Representative	Date:	Approve Deny	
Lincoln County Water Conservancy Board		Recuse Other	
Mailed with all related documents to the Dept of Ecology Eastern	Regional Office, and other interested parties on		

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Lincoln County WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD Application for Change/Transfer OF A RIGHT TO THE BENEFICIAL USE OF THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

RECEIVED AUG 15 2013

Report of Examination

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Pursuant to WAC 173-153-130(8), the applicant is not permitted to proceed to act on the proposal until Ecology makes a final decision affirming, in whole or in part, the board's recommendation. It is advised that the applicant not proceed until the appeal period of Ecology's decision is complete.

NOTE TO AUTHOR: Read the instructions for completing a water conservancy board report of examination. <u>Use the F11 key to move through the form.</u>

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NAME TEEL LAND, LLC (A	Applicant C	hange)							
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(B) Well #3 (B) Well #4		E ½ E ½	SE NE	9	27 N 27 N	37E 37E	54 54	Lincoln Lincoln

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH WATER IS TO BE USED

## (A) Well #1 and Well #2 to service the following described "Katy" subdivision Plat:

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Records of Lincoln County, Washington.

## (B) Well #3 and 4 to service the following described "Clint & Craig" subdivision Plat:

All of the East Half (E 1/2) of the East Half (E1/2) of Section 9, Township 27 North, Range 37 East, Wilamette Meridian, Lincoln County, Washington, Excepting that portion thereof lying and being South of County Road No. 6703 as the same is now established.

Records of Lincoln County, Washington.

1/4	1/4	SECTION	TOWNSHIP N.	RANGE,
Ptn	NW	15	27 N	37E
Ptn E 1/2	E 1/2	9	27 N	37E
	Ptn	Ptn NW	Ptn NW 15	Ptn NW 15 27 N

Board's Decision on the Application

MAXIMUM CUB FT/ SECOND	(A) 119.4 gpm (B) 127.44 gpm	17.4 AF 18.6 AF			Community Domestic; Continuous Community Domestic; Continuous				
source 4 Wells					TRIBUTARY OF N/A	(IF SURFACE	WATER)		
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH WATER IS TO BE USED AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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Records of Lincoln County, Washington.

PARCEL NO.	1/4	1/4	SECTION	TOWNSHIP N.	RANGE,	
(A)	Ptn	NW	15	27 N	37E	
(B)	Ptn E 1/2	E 1/2	9	27 N	37E	

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORKS

Develop a total of four (4) wells and water systems as follows:

- (A) Two (2) wells, pumps, electrical panels, 21/2" mainline, and tee connections.
- (B) Two (2) wells, pumps, electrical panels, 2½" mainline, and tee connections.

DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE								
BEGIN PROJECT BY THIS DATE:	COMPLETE PROJECT BY THIS DATE:	COMPLETE CHANGE AND PUT WATER TO FULL USE BY THIS DATE						
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issuance>	(B) September 30, 2018	(B) September 30, 2036						

#### REPORT

NOTE TO AUTHOR: This form reflects the minimum regulatory requirements as required in WAC 173-153-130(6). In accordance with WAC 173-153-130(5), "It is the responsibility of the water conservancy board to ensure that all relevant issues identified during its evaluation of the application, or which are raised by any commenting party during the board's evaluation process, are thoroughly evaluated and discussed in the board's deliberations. These discussions must be fully documented in the report of examination." Completion solely of the minimum regulatory requirements may not constitute a fully documented decision.

## **BACKGROUND** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(a)]

Superseding Certificate No. S3-23652(A) was issued on February 16, 2012 following a change application and Report of Examination For Water Right Change, dated December 19, 2011 (WRDoc 4481847). The December 19, 2011 Report of Examination details the water rights history and beneficial use and determined the quantities of Superseding Certificate No. S3-23652(A).

Superseding Certificate No. S3-23652(A) authorizes 0.55 cfs and 36 acre-feet per year for the irrigation of 30.2 acres within that part of the NW ¼ of Section 15, lying north of a straight line, beginning in the SE corner of the NW ¼ and ending at a point on the west boundary line of the NW ¼ which is 704 feet south of the NW corner of said Section 15, Township 27 N., Range 37 EWM. The Point of Diversion is a point on the Spokane River situated 2300 feet from the center of Section 15.

On August 13, 2012 Teel Trust of Davenport, Washington filed an application with the Lincoln County Water Conservancy Board to change/add Purpose of Use, change/add Points of Diversion/Withdrawal, and change/transfer Place of Use under Superseding Water Certificate No. S3-23652(A). The application was accepted and the board assigned application number LINC-12-01.

On March 6, 2013 the Richard & Barbara Teel Living Trust dtd March 22, 2000 transferred it's interest in the subject real property, together with Superseding Water Certificate No. S3-23652(A) to Teel Land, LLC, a Limited Liability Company, by Statutory Warranty Deed recorded under Auditor's File No. 2013-0463280. Richard and Barbara Teel were the trustees of the Trust and are the Managers of the current owner Teel Land, LLC. The Change Application No. LINC-12-01 was assigned from the Teel Trust to Teel Land, LLC.

Superseding Certificate No. S3-23652(A) is currently enrolled in the Trust Water Program under control number CS3-*23652(A)@1.

#### Intent of Transfer

The water right is currently an agricultural irrigation water right which withdraws water from the Spokane River. The applicant proposes to develop two subdivisions, each subdivision being served by two (2) wells for a total of four (4) wells. Therefore, the applicant proposes to change the source of the water from surface to ground water and change the purpose from seasonal irrigation to continuous community domestic and to split this water right into an (A) and (B), portion between the two new subdivisions in the following manner:

For Portion (A) of S3-23652(A), to authorize 119.4 gpm and 17.4 acre-feet per year for continuous community domestic supply. The new points of withdrawal will be two wells one of which will be located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of 15-27-37 and one located in the SE of the NW1/4 of 15-27-37, Lincoln County Washington. The new place of use will be located within a portion of the NW ¼ of Section 15, Township 27N, Range 37, known as "Katy" subdivision, more particularly described as follows:

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For Portion (B) of S3-23652(A), to authorize 127.44 gpm and 18.6 acre-feet per year for continuous community domestic supply. The new point of withdrawal will be two wells one of which is located in the E½ of the SE ¼ of Section 9-27-37 and one located in the E½ of the NE ¼ of Section 9-27-37, Lincoln Co. WA. The new place of use will be located within a portion of the E½ of the E½ of Section 9, Township 27N, Range 37, known as the "Clint & Craig" subdivision, more particularly described as follows:

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## Attributes of the water right as currently documented

Name on certificate, claim, permit: Teel Trust, Richard C. and Barbara J. Teel

Water right document number: S3-23652(A)

As modified by certificate of change number: N/A

Priority date, first use: July 15, 1974

Water quantities: Qi: 0.55 cfs Qa: 36 acre ft./ year

Source: Spokane River

Point of diversion/withdrawal: 2300 feet east from the center of Section 15 (SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 15, Twn 27N, Rng 37)

Purpose of use: Irrigation of 30.2 acres

Period of use: April to Oct 31

Place of use: 30.2 acres within that part of the NW ¼ of Section 15, lying north of a straight line, beginning in the SE corner of the NW ¼ and ending at a point on the west boundary line of the NW ¼ which is 704 feet south of the NW corner of said Section 15, Township 27 N., Range 37 E.W.M.. Parcel #2737015200000

Existing provisions:

Measurements, Monitoring, Metering and Reporting

An approved measuring device must be installed and maintained for each of the sources identified by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use:, WAC 173-173, which describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition the Department of Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements.

Water use data shall be recorded weekly and maintained by the property owner for a minimum of five years, and shall be promptly submitted to Ecology upon request.

Department of Fish and Wildlife Requirement(s)

The intake(s) must be screened in accordance with Department of Fish and Wildlife screening criteria (pursuant to RCW 77.57.010, RCW 77.57.070, and RCW 77.57.040). Contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091. Attention: Habitat Program, Phone: (360) 902-2534 if you have questions about screening criteria. http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/contact/

Easement and Right-of-Way

The water source and/or water transmission facilities are not wholly located upon land owned by the applicant. Issuance of a water right change authorization by this department does not convey a right of access to, or other right to use, land which the applicant does not legally possess. Obtaining such a right is a private matter between applicant and owner of that land.

Water Use Efficiency

Use of water under this authorization will be contingent upon the water right holder's maintenance of efficient water delivery systems and use of up-to-date water conservation practices consistent with established regulation requirements and facility capabilities.

Schedule and Inspections

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, will have access at reasonable times, to the project location, and to inspect at reasonable times, records of water use, wells, diversions, measuring devices and associated distribution systems for compliance with water law.

## History of water use

The Teels purchased the E½ of the E½ of Section 9 and the NW¼ of Section 15, all in Township 27 N, Range 37 E.W.M., together with other lands and the original water right S3-23652C in 1977 and have continued to farm and irrigate this property ever since the purchase. Prior to 2007, Mr. Teel grew alfalfa, grass seed, seed wheat, and seed peas. Crops such as malting barley, alfalfa seed and canola were tried. The irrigation system started with wheel lines and hand lines, but ended with pivots, small amounts of hand line and one short wheel line. The water was drawn from the Spokane River. A 50 hp pump on wheels moved up and down the bank to meet changing water levels of the backwaters of Grand Coulee Dam. This pump charges 150 hp and 125 hp pumps in the pump house. Water then flowed through oversize PVC pipe approximately 1½ miles. Pressure at the end of this line was 20#psi. The crops were irrigated with 4 center pivots using Nelson regulator rotators and 4ft drops for a low pressure system. Some hand line and one short wheel line were still in use. The history of the water use is laid out in more detail in the Report of Examination and Investigator's Report dated December 19, 2011. (WRDoc 4481847).

## Previous changes

1. On October 30, 2007, Richard and Barbara Teel (Teel Trust), Morris West and PPR River LLC, filed an application for change to add a purpose of use, add points of diversion/withdrawal, and change the place of use of Surface Water Certificate S3-23653.

Teel Trust proposed to transfer a portion of the water right to Morris West for irrigation and frost protection for an existing agricultural orchard in Okanogan County and transfer a portion of the water right to PPR River LLC for non-agricultural irrigation for a Master Planned Resort in Douglas County. Teel Trust would retain a portion of the water right for the original agricultural irrigation. Morris West sold and assigned his interest to Tailgate Orchards and PPR River LLC kept the purpose of use as agricultural irrigation. The change was approved to effect the following:

For Teel Trust in Lincoln County S3-23652(A)

▶ 0.55 cfs, 36 acre-feet per year for agricultural irrigation from April 1 to October 31 of 30.2 acres.

For Tailgate Orchards in Okanogan County S3-23652(C)

▶ 3.0 cfs, 197.95 acre-feet per year; 1.67 cfs, 157.25 acre-feet for agricultural irrigation from April 1 to October 31 of 37 acres and 1.33 cfs, 40.70 acre-feet from March 1 to May 31 for frost control.

For PPR River LLC in Douglas County S3-23652(D)

- ▶ 1.75 cfs, 111.65 acre-feet per year for agricultural irrigation from April 1 to October 31 of 50 acres.
- 2. Superseding Certificate No. S3-23652(A) was temporarily donated to the Trust Water Program under control number CS3- *23652(A)@1 on May 23, 2012 and was extended on January 29, 2013 until February 16, 2014.

#### SEPA

The board has reviewed the proposed project in its entirety. The Surface Water Certificate No. S3-23652(A) allowable flow rate of 0.55 cfs is below the 1 cubic feet per second exemption. This Application is **Exempt** from SEPA requirements.

## COMMENT AND PROTESTS [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(b)]

Public notice of the application was given in the WILBUR REGISTER on May 2, 2013 and May 9, 2013. Protest period ended on June 9, 2013. There were no protests received during the 30 day protest period. In addition, no oral and/or written comments were received at an open public meeting of the board or other means as designated by the board.

## **INVESTIGATION** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(c)]

A site inspection was conducted on September 10, 2012 by Lincoln County Water Conservancy Board members, Scott Hutsell, Paul Gross, Pete Carstensen and Rex Harder, and applicant Dick Teel. At the existing place of use the Board observed both the existing surface and proposed ground points of diversion. The Board observed remnants of previously used irrigation equipment which included both circle irrigation, handlines and wheel lines and also noted the sandy nature of the soil. The Board reviewed maps outlining the previously irrigated land. The Board continued the site visit to the proposed places of use for the subdivisions and observed the wells, survey markers, partially developed roadways, etc. The Board reviewed maps outlining the proposed subdivisions. The Board found everything in both sites in order. Also, technical reports, research of department records, and conversations with the applicant and/or other interested parties were part of the investigation. Applicant's plan for subdividing his property in the manner set forth herein appears feasible and the location of the wells was observed along with the locations of the subdivisions themselves.

#### Proposed project plans and specifications

The application proposes to divide the water rights into Portions (A) and (B) by changing the Place of Use to two (2) new proposed subdivisions and by changing the Purpose of Use to continuous Community Domestic, and changing the Point of Withdrawal/Diversion from surface water to ground water by adding four (4) wells within the proposed new Places of Use, all in the following manner:

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## Other water rights appurtenant to the property (if applicable)

No other water rights are appurtenant to the NW ¼ of Section 15, nor the E½ of the E½ of Section 9. The NW¼ of Section 15 is listed in the place of use of Surface Water Claim No. 134635. The claim appears to represent a non-diversionary open range stock watering right from Lake Roosevelt.

## Annual Consumptive Quantity

In the last change that was approved by the Department of Ecology it was noted in the Report of Examination and Investigator's Report that "the WSIG establishes a standard irrigation season of April 1 to October 31. The applicant is advised this quantity for water is not sufficient to provide a full water duty for crops at this site or provide for agricultural irrigation throughout the irrigation season."

The water quantity of Certificate No. S3-23652(A) is completely consumptive and there is no return flow associated with this water right and as such no further ACQ analysis is required.

#### Geologic, Hydrogeologic, or other scientific investigations (if applicable)

For purposes of changing the point of diversion/withdrawal of surface water right No. S3-23652C(A) to a groundwater withdrawal for future residential development, WNR Group conducted a technical assessment of the Teel properties in Section 9, 10 and 15, Township 27 North, Range 37 East to determine the existence of hydraulic continuity between the groundwater being withdrawn from proposed well(s) located on the Teel's property and the surface water of the Spokane River, which is influenced by Grand Coulee Dam forming Lake Roosevelt. The Columbia River valley is the major physiographic feature in the area and is filled with glacio-fluvial sediments deposited during the last ice age approximately 12,000 years ago. As the glaciers melted in the Spokane River drainage, they deposited sequences of silt, sand, gravel and cobbles which were later re-worked by fluvial processes of the Spokane River. These sequences of unconsolidated materials are generally present as valley fill and along valley walls as terraces.

A detailed review of well logs was conducted in order to determine the groundwater conditions in the vicinity of the Teel's property. The twenty-two well logs reviewed in Sections 9, 10, and 15 appeared to have depths of groundwater documented by the well drillers to be at the approximate elevation as the lake levels in the Spokane River. With depths documented at 260 to 300 feet below the ground surface and yields documented on the well logs in the range of 15 to 30 gallons per minute, it appears the shallow groundwater is within an unconfined to semi-confined aquifer system, suggesting that the shallow groundwater is in hydraulic continuity with the surface water of the Spokane River. Four (4) wells currently used by the property owner and/or neighbors were inspected and well head elevations collected with a handheld GPS unit. Depth to 040-106(0208)

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ground water was measured in the wells for several weeks as the lake level fluctuated. The ground water in the aquifer beneath the site fluctuates with the lake level. The fall of the ground water table in July and August of 2007 was almost instantaneous with a drop in the lake/river level. This would suggest that the ground water beneath the proposed well sites is in hydraulic continuity with the Lake Roosevelt/Spokane River.

The WNR Group interpretation is based on readily available geologic and hydrogeologic reports, a detailed review of well logs and other data in the vicinity of the subject site. WNR Group also reviewed available US Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle maps for the site and vicinity.

Technical study conducted by WNR Group concludes that the wells in the proposed place of use are in hydraulic continuity with the Spokane River.

#### Impairment Considerations

Under Washington Water Law, a change can be made to a point of diversion/withdrawal for a water right as long as other existing water rights are not impaired.

The Department of Ecology water rights tracking system shows the existence of four wells in W ½ W ½ of Section 10, Township 27 N., Range 37 E. These locations are to the north and east of the Teel property and the well logs for these wells show hydraulic continuity to the Spokane River. These four other wells are located closer to the Spokane River than the proposed Teel wells by several hundred yards and would not be impaired by the proposed Teel wells.

Other water rights in the vicinity are as follows:

Surface Water Claim 134635 which appears to represent a non-diversionary, open range, stock water right from Lake Roosevelt in portions of Section 15.

Certificate S3-00961C which represents a water right with a priority date of January 10, 1964 for 1.0 cfs, 240 acre-feet for domestic use, stock watering and irrigation of 60 acres with a source of Green Canyon Creek, a tributary of the Spokane River. Because this water right pulls from the surface water creek the proposed Teel wells should not impair this water right.

Ground Water Right G3-26418C for 40 GPM, 9 acre-feet for continuous group domestic for 9 units in portions of the NE ¼ of Section 9. Given the relatively small quantity of water of this water right the proposed Teel wells should not impair this water right.

Furthermore, because the wells capture water from the Spokane River with only minor delay, the new points of withdrawal will not change the hydraulic effects on the Spokane River. Because the fundamental source of water will not change, and for the reasons stated above the board finds that the transfer will not impair other water rights. Both the original point of diversion and the new points of withdrawal are located in the same watershed (WRIA 53).

#### **CONCLUSIONS** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(d)]

## Tentative determination (validity and extent of the right)

There is a valid right associated with this Certificate. Water has historically been put to beneficial use under Surface Water Certificate S3-23652C(A) in the quantities stated in the tentative determination above. The proposed changes will not impair existing water rights.

## Relinquishment or abandonment

The water right has been actively used followed immediately by transfer into the State Trust Water Right Program, with no known five-year gaps in use. We see no evidence of relinquishment or abandonment.

## Hydraulic Analysis

The proposed wells are in hydraulic continuity with the Spokane River.

#### Comments and Protests

No protests were received as a result of the public notice.

## **Impairment**

The change from seasonal irrigation to year-round Community Domestic use will distribute the pumping stress throughout the year, as compared to a direct surface withdrawal only during the irrigation season. Given the close coupling of the surface water and groundwater systems in this area, it is apparent that no impairment will occur to either senior existing water rights or to instream flows, as a result the proposed changes. The Teel wells will withdraw water that would have otherwise been diverted via the existing surface water right. Given the distance between Teel wells and other water users, no impairment of their water rights will occur.

#### Other

The Board also considered the previous provisions associated with the water right as identified in the background section of this report when making its decision.

**DECISION** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(e)]

The change is consistent with the provisions of Chapters 90.03 and 90.44 RCW and WAC 173-152050(3)(a), in that this application to transfer change the water right will not impair existing rights or be detrimental to the public interest.

Based on the above investigation and conclusions, the Board recommends that the request for a division of the water right into 2 separate rights (Portions (A) and (B), changing the Place of Use to the proposed two (2) new subdivision legal descriptions, and changing the Purpose of Use to a continuous Community Domestic use, and changing the Point of Withdrawal/Diversion from a surface water right to a ground water right consisting of four (4) wells within the proposed new Places of Use, be approved in the amounts and within the limitations listed below and subject to the provisions.

Portion (A) - 119.4 gpm, 17.4 acre-feet per year for continuous community domestic supply.

Source	1/4	1/4	Section	Township	Range	WRIA	County
(A) Well #1	NW	NW	15	27 N	37 E	54	Lincoln
(A) Well #2	SE	NW	15	27 N	37 E	54	Lincoln

The authorized place of use will serve the "Katy" subdivision plat, more particularly described as follows:

A portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 15, Township 27 North, Range 37 East, Willamette Meridian, Lincoln County, Washington, lying within the following description:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 15, from which the Southwest Corner of said Northwest Quarter, being a 2 inch diameter iron pipe, bears South 86°55'36" West, a distance of 2711.38 feet; thence North 1°59'33" West on the East line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 312.43 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 70°16'24" West, a distance of 1738.33 feet to the West line of the East 264.00 feet of the West half of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 1°43'41" West of said West line, a distance of 220.28 feet to a point from which said southeast corner of the Northwest corner bears South 55°54'47" East; thence North 55°54'47" West, a distance of 1334.79 feet to a point on the West line of said Northwest Quarter, said point being a distance of 704.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 1°28'27" West, a distance of 704.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter, being a United States Bureau of Reclamation Brass Cap Monument; thence North 89°14'55" East, a distance of 2686.95 feet to the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter being a United States Bureau of Reclamation Brass Cap Monument; thence South 1°59'33" East on said East line of said Northwest Quarter a distance of 2295.40 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT any portion thereof lying North of the Southerly right of way of Orchard Road, Comprising approximately 94.62 acres, more or less. Records of Lincoln County, Washington.

Portion (B) - 127.44 gpm, 18.6 acre-feet per year for continuous community domestic supply.

Source	1/4	1/4	Section	Township	Range	WRIA	County
(B) Well #3	E 1/2	SE .	9	27 N	37 E	54	Lincoln
(B) Well #4	E 1/2	NE	9	27 N	37 E	54	Lincoln

The authorized place of use will serve the "Clint & Craig" subdivision plat, more particularly described as follows:

All of the East Half (E 1/2) of the East Half (E1/2) of Section 9, Township 27 North, Range 37 East, Wilamette Meridian, Lincoln County, Washington, Excepting that portion thereof lying and being South of County Road No. 6703 as the same is now established, Records of Lincoln County, Washington.

**PROVISIONS** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(f)]

## Conditions and limitations

(A) and (B) Portion Provisions (Note: these provisions update and fully supersede the provisions attached to the existing Superseding Certificate of Water Right No. S3-23652(A).

## Meter Installation

An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for each of the wells constructed under this water right, in accordance with "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use," Chapter 173-173 WAC.

#### **Record and Report**

Water use data shall be recorded weekly. The maximum rate of diversion/withdrawal and the annual total volume shall be submitted to Ecology by January 31st of each calendar year.

## Water Measuring and Data Reporting

Reported water use data shall be submitted via the Internet. To set up an Internet reporting account, access <a href="https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/Meteringx/">https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/Meteringx/</a>. If you do not have Internet access, contact the Eastern Region Office for forms to submit your data.

#### Metering Rule Description and Petition Info

Chapter 173-173 WAC describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements. Installation, operation, and maintenance requirements are enclosed as a document entitled "Water Measurement Device Installation and Operation Requirements".

## **Health Approval Required**

Prior to any new construction or alterations of a public water supply system, the State Board of Health rules require public water supply owners to obtain written approval from the Office of Drinking Water of the Washington State Department of Health. Please contact the Office of Drinking Water prior to beginning (or modifying) your project at Eastern Drinking Water Operations, 1500 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 305, Spokane, WA 99204, (509) 456-3115.

#### **Authority to Access Project**

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credential, shall have access at reasonable times, to the records of water use that are kept to meet the above conditions, and to inspect at reasonable times any measuring device used to meet the above conditions.

#### **Development Schedule and Project Completion**

The water right holder shall file the notice of project completion when the quantity of water required by the project has been put to full beneficial use. The superseding certificate will reflect the extent of beneficial use within the limitations of the change authorization.

Elements of the project completion inspection may include, as appropriate, the source(s), system instantaneous capacity, beneficial use(s), annual quantity, place of use, and compliance with provisions.

You must request a Projection Completion form from the Department of Ecology. If you cannot complete your project by September 30, 2036, you must contact this office to request an extension.

The undersigned board commissioner certifies that he/she understands the board is responsible "to ensure that all relevant issues identified during its evaluation of the application, or which are raised by any commenting party during the board's evaluation process, are thoroughly evaluated and discussed in the board's deliberations. These discussions must be <u>fully documented</u> in the report of examination." [WAC 173-153-130(5)] The undersigned therefore, certifies that he/she, having reviewed the report of examination, knows and understands the content of this report and concurs with the report's conclusions.

Signed at Davenport, Washington
This 12 day of Aubust, 2013

Rex Harder, Board Representative

Lincoln County Water Conservancy Board

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